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**AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116**

This Amendment is responsive to the Final Rejection mailed October 5, 2007 (Paper No. 20070930), the date of response to which is March 5, 2008, in view of the attached two-month extension of time petition and petition fee.

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